

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BUCAR 00435 031454Z

53

ACTION CU-04

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 /017 W
----- 006487

R 031236Z FEB 75
FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST
TO USIA WASHDC
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 1614

UNCLAS BUCHAREST 0435

USIA FOR IMV, IEE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SCUL RO

SUBJ: AMBASSADORIAL FEATURE FILM PROGRAM: SHOWINGS OF
"JEREMY"

1. "JEREMY" WAS SHOWN FIRST IN BUCHAREST AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE TO AN AUDIENCE OF 40, COMPOSED PRIMARILY OF ACTORS AND A GROUP FROM THE UNION OF COMMUNIST YOUTH WHO VISITED THE UNITED STATES LAST SUMMER. THREE OTHER SHOWINGS WERE HELD AT THE AMERICAN LIBRARY, TWO OF THEM BEFORE PACKED HOUSES (120 FOR EACH SHOWING) OF P&C CONTACTS FROM THE BUCHAREST INTELLIGENTSIA, AND THE THIRD FOR A GROUP OF 50 STUDENTS AND FACULTY FROM THE BUCHAREST THEATRICAL INSTITUTE, WHOSE DEAN HAD HEARD ABOUT THE EXCELLENT ACTING IN "JEREMY" FROM THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE SHOWING AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, AND REQUESTED A SPECIAL SHOWING FOR THEM.

2. "JEREMY" WON PRAISE FROM ROMANIAN VIEWERS, MOST OF WHOSE COMMENTS SINGLED OUT THREE ASPECTS OF THE FILM AS HAVING BEEN NOTEWORTHY: THE PHOTOGRAPHY, THE "NATURALNESS" OF THE ACTING, AND THE AFFECTIONATE, WHOLESOME AND UNPRETENTIOUS TREATMENT OF A TEEN'S FIRST LOVE. THOUGH "FLAWED" AS ONE USUALLY HYPER-CRITICAL FILM DIRECTOR PUT IT, "JEREMY" IS A FILM "WORTH SEEING." THE SAME DIRECTOR TERMED THE LOVE SEQUENCE "NOT AT ALL OFFENSIVE," AND SAID "WE WERE MAKING AND HAVE MADE AND SHOWN FILMS MUCH MORE EXPLICIT, BUT NOT IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS."

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BUCAR 00435 031454Z

(FYI: POST OFFICERS WERE TOLD BY A ROMANIAN FILM HISTORIAN

THAT "JEREMY" WAS NOT PURCHASED BY ROMFILM FOR SHOWING ON COMMERCIAL CIRCUIT IN ROMANIA ONLY BECAUSE OF THE NUDE SEQUENCE.) CONSENSUS OF ROMANIAN VIEWERS WAS THAT LOVE SCENES WERE UNOBJECTIONABLE AND TASTEFULLY DONE, A COMMENT ON THE DISPARITY BETWEEN OFFICIAL AND PUBLIC MORALITY HERE.

3. POST IS PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF "JEREMY" SHOWINGS HERE, AS WE WERE WITH "THE STING" AND "LILIES IN BLOOM" PROVIDED FOR AMBASSADORIAL FEATURE SERIES PREVIOUSLY. WE REMAIN DESIROUS OF A FEBRUARY SHOWING IN THIS SERIES. MARCH AND APRIL HAVE BEEN BOOKED WITH THE "EMIGRANTS" AND "THE NEW LAND," AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFO RE TITLES WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR NEXT MONTH, PARTICULARLY ANY OF THE NEWER FILMS.
BARNES

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MOTION PICTURES, PUBLIC ATTITUDES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 03 FEB 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975BUCHAR00435
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750039-0096
From: BUCHAREST
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750279/aaaacsza.tel
Line Count: 75
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION CU
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 23 APR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <23 APR 2003 by MarshK0>; APPROVED <12 JAN 2004 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: AMBASSADORIAL FEATURE FILM PROGRAM: SHOWINGS OF "JEREMY"
TAGS: SCUL, RO
To: USIA
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006